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Hofmeister et al.

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GENERATION SYSTEM AND  
BATONS THEREFOR

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The Beach patent is discussed in the present application in paragraph nos. 0002, 0003 and 0011. The non-patent reference is a sales brochure for handbells and handchimes.

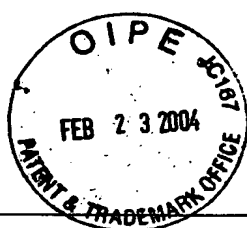
This application was filed after June 30, 2003. Thus, a copy of the cited U.S. patent is not required to be provided herewith and is not provided herewith. A copy of the non-patent document is provided.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		6,198,034 B1	3/2001	Beach et al.	84	600

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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Other Documents (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Schulmerich Handbells, MelodyChime® Instruments, & Accessories 2002, 6 page brochure, June 2002
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